



## GAP in the News

April 2018 Edition

### The Growth of GAP

Thanks to the work of our Regional Reps, our Committee and other members, we now have a record number of **373 Members** (GP Members) and **514 Supporters** (non-GP Members who like what GAP stands for), making a grand total of **887**. By increasing our numbers we can also increase our political influence in our bid to protect the rights of our animal friends.

Thanks to the work of Emma Randall, our GAP Policy Coordinator, and other Committee members such as Liz Carlton, there are now **more than 30 animal-rights policies** in the Green Party, each having been voted in by the broad membership. This is a great achievement. Thanks to the work of John Davis, Paul Weaver and Charles Gate we now have **18.8K** Twitter followers and **3,614** Facebook followers. (See USEFUL LINKS on Page 2.)

David Finney, GAP Membership Secretary



David Finney with Jonathan Bartley

#### GREEN PARTY CORE VALUE 5

Our actions should take account of the well-being of other nations, other species and future generations. We should not pursue our well-being to the detriment of theirs.

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## Badgers Campaign



### GAP raises much-needed funds for Camp Badger

GAP appeared at the 2016 Green Party Autumn Conference in Birmingham to call for an end to the government's programme of badger culls after an announcement that it would be extended. At the GAP stall we handed out anti-cull literature and on our dedicated fund-raising day we were joined by former Green Party leader Natalie Bennett.

Keith Taylor, GP MEP for the South East, says: "It's becoming increasingly clear that these badger culls are both ineffective in tackling the serious problem of TB in cows and extremely inhumane." GAP raised a total of £560 to help support anti-cull activities in the affected zones. It is 2018 and Badgers are still in need of our support. GAP continues to fight for badgers and all animals. If you can offer any help please email John Davis.

The Cull: "ineffective" & "inhumane"

# What Can I Do?

## Some helpful ideas for our GAP members and supporters

GAP member Karen Varga shares some thoughts:

You've joined Greens for Animal Protection (GAP) because you care about animals. It is hoped that you also support the broad aims of the Green Party, the only party that puts challenging climate change at the core of its manifesto. Protecting and working with the eco-systems of both the UK and Planet Earth as a whole are necessary for life to survive and thrive and are (for me) also a part of caring about other species. So – what can YOU do? Here are a few ideas: Get out there and talk to people you know, the people you work with; communicate and connect. Come and join us at events: we are always looking for help running our stalls. It can be hard work but it is fun and can be very rewarding. Sign petitions, go on marches, put up posters, hand out leaflets, anything at all you can think of to raise awareness of GAP and help our animal friends. Tell people about GAP since they may want to join us! The bigger we are the more influence we can have.

Are you a member of the Green Party? The Green Party is a democratic, equality-focused party, with a range of rates to enable people to join. You will then have access to the members' website and will be able to vote in internal elections and on motions if you attend the conferences held twice a year. Everyone (member or not) can go along to Local Party meetings and this is where actions happen – you may be able to help with delivering leaflets or writing to the local press – you can highlight animal-protection actions that all of the local members can take but may not be aware of. If you have links to local animal-protection groups or activists and have (for instance) heard about a planning application that could have an impact on animals either directly or indirectly (e.g. an intensive pig farm or a new industrial park) then ask your Local Party to publicise it in its newsletter, social media and its wider networks. The same applies if you know about events (such as vegan fairs) or protests happening locally (or even nationally) – highlight them to your Local Party. Often the best way to do so is with an email to the coordinator.



Keith Taylor (MEP, SE) at a GAP AGM

Please also check in regularly with the Greens for Animal Protection Facebook and Twitter pages and share anything you find there. If you direct-message the GAP social-media team we can also put posts up. We know the British public care about animals so please go out and tell people that a vote for the Green Party is a vote for the animals.

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## USEFUL LINKS

**GAP (GREENS FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION):**

<https://gap.greenparty.org.uk>

**GREEN PARTY Animal-Rights Policies:**

<https://policy.greenparty.org.uk/ar.html>

**Welcome to the GREEN PARTY:**

<https://www.greenparty.org.uk>

**Joining the GREEN PARTY:**

<https://policy.greenparty.org.uk/ar.html>

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